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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION**

Vieneese Stanton,

Plaintiff,

v.

Halsted Financial Services, LLC  
c/o Illinois Corporation Service Company  
801 Adlai Stevenson Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703,

Defendant.

Case No.

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES  
UNDER THE FAIR DEBT  
COLLECTION PRACTICES  
ACT, ROSENTHAL FAIR  
DEBT COLLECTION  
PRACTICES ACT, AND  
OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF**

**Jury Demand Requested**

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1331, 1337, 1367; and 15 U.S.C. §1692k(d).
2. Venue is proper because a substantial part of the events giving rise to this claim occurred in this District.

**PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff is a resident of the State of California.
4. Plaintiff is a “consumer” as defined in the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 USC 1692 et seq. (“FDCPA”).
5. Plaintiff incurred a “Debt” as defined in the FDCPA.
6. Defendant is a company with its principal office in the State of Illinois.
7. Defendant acquired the Debt after it was in default.

- 1 8. Defendant regularly attempts to collect, or attempts to collect, debts that it acquired after the  
2 same were in default.
- 3 9. Defendant uses instruments of interstate commerce for its principal purpose of business, which is  
4 the collection of debts.
- 5 10. At all times relevant, Defendant was a “debt collector” as defined in the FDCPA.  
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7 **FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS**

- 8 11. On or around April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Plaintiff’s attorney sent a letter to Defendant notifying Defendant  
9 that Plaintiff was represented by an attorney with respect to the Debt.
- 10 12. Despite having notice of Plaintiff’s representation, Defendant communicated with Plaintiff at  
11 least one (1) more time thereafter.
- 12 13. By communicating with Plaintiff after having notice of Plaintiff’s representation, Defendant  
13 violated the FDCPA.
- 14 14. By communicating with Plaintiff after having notice of Plaintiff’s representation, Defendant  
15 violated the Rosenthal FDCPA.
- 16 15. Defendant actions, directly and proximately, caused undue stress and anxiety for Plaintiff; thereby  
17 damaging Plaintiff.
- 18 16. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s actions, Plaintiff expended time and money  
19 consulting a lawyer, and/or incurred attorney fees and costs.
- 20 17. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant’s actions, Plaintiff expended time and money  
21 consulting a lawyer, and/or incurred attorney fees and costs.
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25 **COUNT I – FDCPA VIOLATION**

- 26 18. Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.  
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19. Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692e by engaging in false, deceptive, or misleading methods to collect a debt.

**COUNT II – FDCPA VIOLATION**

20. Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.

21. Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692f by engaging in unfair and/or unconscionable means to collect, or attempt to collect, the Debt.

**COUNT III – FDCPA VIOLATION**

22. Plaintiff incorporates all the allegations and statements made above as if reiterated herein.

23. Defendant violated 15 USC § 1692c(a)(2) by communicating with Plaintiff after having notice of attorney representation.

**COUNT IV – ROSENTHAL FDCPA**

24. Violation of the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act.

25. Plaintiff incorporates each of the preceding allegations as if specifically stated herein.

26. Defendant violated California Civil Code §1788.14(c) by communicating with Plaintiffs despite having written notice that Plaintiffs were represented by an attorney.

**JURY DEMAND**

27. Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

**PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

28. Plaintiff prays for the following relief:

- a. Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiff's actual damages, as determined at trial, suffered as a direct and proximate result Defendant's violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(1);

- 1 b. Judgment against Defendant for \$1,000 in statutory damages for Defendant's violations of  
2 the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(2)(A);  
3 c. Judgment against Defendant for \$1,000 in statutory damages for Defendant's violations of  
4 the California Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, pursuant to California Civil  
5 Code §1788.30(b);  
6 d. Judgment against Defendant for Plaintiff's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred in  
7 this action, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §1692k(a)(3) and California Civil Code §1788.30(c); and  
8 e. Any other legal and/or equitable relief as the Court deems appropriate.  
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11 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
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14 By: /s/ Richard J. Meier

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